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Dear Barton,

With reference to your letter of May 2, 1933, regarding a restaurant called the YACODA CAFE in the French Concession, I forward herewith a copy of a report made by Det. Sergeant Prokofiev of the Special Branch giving the result of his inquiries concerning this establishment.

Yours sincerely,



J. Barton, Esq.,

British Consulate-General.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 829

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REPORT

Date July 18, 1933

Subject (in full) Letter from British Consulate-General re: Restaurant  
" YAGODKA".

Made by D.S. Prokofiev.

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With reference to the letter dated May 2, 1933 from H.B.M. Consulate-General on the subject of the restaurant " YAGODKA" No 240 Avenue du Roi Albert which, it is suspected, is used as a meeting place by a certain " agents provocateurs", I have to report that general observation has been kept on the above place for the past two months, but apart from groups of young men-recent arrivals from Harbin- who occasionally visited the restaurant and attracted attention by their keeping apart from other visitors, nothing of a suspicious or unusual nature has been noticed.

Enquiries show that the restaurant in question has been in existence for about two years and is licenced by the French Municipal Council. It is kept by a Russian speaking Chinese cook believed to have come in Shanghai either from Harbin or Vladivostok. The restaurant is of a very low class and, like a number of other similar small restaurants in the French Concession, caters for Russians of very small means ( the price of dinner being \$ 0.40 small money). It also patronized by a few Chinese of the student type.

Like any other public place this restaurant may be occasionally visited by various undesirables, but on the whole it does not seem to be a suitable place for regular meetings of " agents provocateurs":- the two tiny rooms on the ground floor occupied by the restaurant, one of which is open to public view, offer no privacy, and conversation is liable to be overheard. The bulk of the patrons of the restaurant being " White" Russians, it is almost certain that suspicious behaviour or activity will be noticed and reported.

*A. Prokofiev*

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,  
P.O. BOX 282 1-SHANGHAI.

2nd May 1933.

My dear Wivens,

I have been informed that there is a restaurant called the YACODA CAFÉ in Frenchtown which is known to be the rendezvous for a certain group of persons who have escaped from the U.S.S.R. It is suspected, however, that a certain number of these are acting as agents provocateurs. It might be worth looking into.

Yours sincerely,

James H. B. [Signature]

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